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INCREASE IN CEMENT PRICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement consumption is less than the production in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for increase in price of cement during the last six months; and

(c) the details of steps taken or being taken by the Government to check the prices of cement in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The cement manufacturers have cited increases in the input costs, including transportation costs, as the reason for the recent price increase. The Government has, however, asked them to take steps to reduce the cement prices.